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14 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
15 **FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**  
16 **WESTERN DIVISION**

18 BUYER'S DIRECT, INC., a North  
Carolina corporation,

19 Plaintiff,

20 v.

21 JY DESIGNS AND CREATIONS,  
22 INC., a California corporation; and  
23 CALIFORNIA MARKETING  
ASSOCIATES, INC., a California  
corporation,

24 Defendants.  
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Case No. 2:18-cv-06684-GW-MRWx

**STIPULATED PROTECTIVE ORDER**  
**DISCOVERY MATTER**

Hon. Michael R. Wilner

1                   **Good Cause Statement:**

2                   Plaintiff and Counterdefendant Buyer's Direct, Inc. ("Plaintiff") and  
3 Defendants and Counterclaimants JY Designs and Creations and its distributor,  
4 California Marketing Associates, Inc., (collectively, "Defendants," and collectively,  
5 with Plaintiff, the "Parties") are involved in the manufacture, importation, sale, offer  
6 to sell and/or distribution of foot coverings to retail outlets, including internet-based  
7 outlets. In this lawsuit, Plaintiff alleges that it is the owner of a design patent and  
8 trade dress for certain foot coverings and that Defendants are committing, among  
9 other things, patent and trade dress infringement by importing, using, marketing,  
10 selling, and/or offering to sell certain foot coverings. Defendants deny these claims.

11                  The Parties expect that discovery in this case will include commercially  
12 sensitive information, such as product designs, sales figures, expenses, pricing,  
13 customer information, marketing plans, and future commercial plans. The Parties  
14 believe they would be harmed if this information was publicly disclosed. Further,  
15 for the most sensitive information, the Parties do not want to give each other access  
16 to such information, as it could give the adverse party a competitive advantage.

17                  Thus, and based on the request of the Parties, and good cause being found, the  
18 Court ORDERS as follows:

19                  1.       Any party to this litigation or any third party shall have the right to  
20 designate as "Confidential Material" and subject to this Order any information,  
21 document, or thing, or portion of any document or thing, that (a) contains  
22 competitively sensitive technical, marketing, financial, sales or other confidential  
23 business information, (b) contains private or confidential personal information,  
24 (c) contains information received in confidence from third parties, or (d) the  
25 producing party otherwise believes in good faith to be entitled to protection under  
26 Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(c)(1)(G) ("Confidential Material"). Any party or third party  
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1 covered by this Order that produces or discloses any Confidential Material shall  
2 mark it with the following or a substantially similar legend: “CONFIDENTIAL.”

3       2. Any party to this litigation or any third party shall have the right to  
4 designate as “Attorneys’ Eyes Only Material” and subject to this Order any  
5 information, document, or thing, or portion of any document or thing, that the  
6 designating party reasonably believes is among that considered to be most sensitive  
7 by the party, including but not limited to trade secrets, pricing information, future  
8 marketing plans, and other highly sensitive business or personal information, the  
9 disclosure of which is highly likely to cause significant harm to an individual or to  
10 the business or competitive position of the designating party (“Attorneys’ Eyes Only  
11 Material”). Any party to this litigation or third party covered by this Order that  
12 produces or discloses any Attorneys’ Eyes Only Material shall mark the same with  
13 the following, or a substantially similar, legend: “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL -  
14 ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY.”

15       3. Any Confidential Material or Attorneys’ Eyes Only Material produced  
16 in a non-paper medium (*e.g.*, videotape, audiotape, computer disc) may be so  
17 designated by labeling the outside of such non-paper medium, as appropriate, with  
18 the following, or a substantially similar, legend: “CONFIDENTIAL” or “HIGHLY  
19 CONFIDENTIAL - ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY.” In the event a receiving party  
20 generates any electronic copy, hard copy, transcription, or printout from any such  
21 designated non-paper medium, that party, and all persons subject to this Order, must  
22 treat each copy as the original was designated and label it in a manner consistent  
23 with this Order.

24       4. All designations of Confidential Material and Attorneys’ Eyes Only  
25 Material shall be made in good faith and in accordance with Fed. R. Civ. P.  
26 26(c)(1)(G). The parties will use reasonable care to avoid designating as  
27 Confidential Material or Attorneys’ Eyes Only Material documents or information  
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1 that does not need to be designated as such. To the extent possible or reasonably  
2 practicable, the designating party must designate for protection only those parts of  
3 material, documents, items, or oral or written communications that qualify so that  
4 other portions of the material, documents, items, or communications for which  
5 protection is not warranted are not swept unjustifiably within the ambit of this Order.  
6 Mass, indiscriminate, or routinized designations are prohibited. Designations that  
7 are shown to be clearly unjustified or that have been made for an improper purpose  
8 (e.g., to unnecessarily encumber the case development process or to impose  
9 unnecessary expenses and burdens on other parties) may expose the designating  
10 party to sanctions. If it comes to a designating party's attention that information or  
11 items that it designated for protection do not qualify for protection, that designating  
12 party must promptly notice all other parties that it is withdrawing the inapplicable  
13 designation.

14         5. All Confidential Material and Attorneys' Eyes Only Material shall be  
15 used by the receiving party solely for purposes of the prosecution or defense of this  
16 action, shall not be used by the receiving party for any business, commercial,  
17 competitive, personal or other purpose, and shall not be disclosed by the receiving  
18 party to anyone other than the persons set forth in paragraphs 6 and 7, unless and  
19 until the restrictions under this Order are removed either by written agreement of  
20 counsel or Court Order. Counsel may, however, give advice and opinions to his or  
21 her client solely relating to this action based on an evaluation of Attorneys' Eyes  
22 Only Material, provided that such advice and opinions shall not reveal the content of  
23 such Attorneys' Eyes Only Material except by prior written agreement of counsel or  
24 Court Order.

25         6. Confidential Material and the contents of Confidential Material may be  
26 disclosed only to the following individuals under the following conditions:

27                 a. Outside counsel retained by the parties for this case;

1           b.     Outside (non-party-affiliated) experts or consultants  
2 retained by outside counsel for purposes reasonably related to the scope  
3 of an expert's work in this case, provided they have signed an  
4 Agreement to be Bound by Protective Order in the form attached hereto  
5 as Exhibit A;

6           c.     Secretarial, paralegal, clerical, duplicating and data-  
7 processing personnel working under the direct supervision of outside  
8 counsel, in-house counsel, outside experts, or outside consultants  
9 described in paragraphs 6.a and 6.b;

10          d.     The Court, court reporters, and court personnel;

11          e.     Any witness who is shown or examined about any  
12 Confidential Material, if it appears that the witness originated, authored  
13 or received a copy of it, was involved in the specific subject matter  
14 described therein, or is employed by the party who produced the  
15 Confidential Material, or if the producing party consents to such  
16 disclosure;

17          f.     Vendors retained by or for the parties to assist with respect  
18 to pretrial discovery, trial, or hearings, including but not limited to court  
19 reporters, litigation support personnel, jury consultants, mock jurors  
20 who sign Exhibit A, persons preparing demonstrative and audiovisual  
21 aids for use in court, in depositions, or mock jury sessions, as well as  
22 their staff, stenographic, and clerical employees whose duties and  
23 responsibilities require access to such materials;

24          g.     The Parties, their executives, officers, directors, managers,  
25 and employees with whom outside counsel of record find it necessary to  
26 consult, in the discretion of such counsel and in good faith, in preparing  
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1 the action for trial or settlement and who have been made aware of this  
2 Order and have agreed to abide by its terms; and

3 h. As ordered by the Court or agreed to by the Parties.

4 7. Material designated as Attorneys' Eyes Only Material may be disclosed  
5 only to the following individuals under the following conditions:

6 a. Outside counsel retained by the parties for this case;

7 b. Outside (non-party-affiliated and not a former or current  
8 employee of any party) experts or consultants retained by outside  
9 counsel for purposes reasonably related to the scope of an expert's work  
10 in this case, provided they have signed an Agreement to be Bound by  
11 Protective Order in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A;

12 c. Secretarial, paralegal, clerical, duplicating and data-  
13 processing personnel working under the direct supervision of outside  
14 counsel, outside experts, or outside consultants described in paragraphs  
15 7.a and 7.b;

16 d. The Court, court reporters, and court personnel;

17 e. Any witness who is shown or examined about any  
18 Attorneys' Eyes Only Material, if it appears that the witness originated,  
19 authored or received a copy of it, was involved in the specific subject  
20 matter described therein, or is employed by the party who produced the  
21 Attorneys' Eyes Only Material, or if the producing party consents to  
22 such disclosure;

23 f. Vendors retained by or for the parties to assist with respect  
24 to pretrial discovery, trial, or hearings, including but not limited to court  
25 reporters, litigation support personnel, persons preparing demonstrative  
26 and audiovisual aids for use in court, in depositions, as well as their  
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1 staff, stenographic, and clerical employees whose duties and  
2 responsibilities require access to such materials;

3 g. As ordered by the Court or agreed to by the Parties.

4 8. Confidential Material and Attorneys' Eyes Only Material shall be used  
5 only by individuals permitted access to it under paragraphs 6 or 7. Confidential  
6 Material and Attorneys' Eyes Only Material, copies thereof, and the information  
7 contained therein, shall not be disclosed in any manner to any other individual until  
8 and unless (a) outside counsel for the party asserting confidentiality consents to the  
9 disclosure or waives the claim of confidentiality, or (b) the Court orders the  
10 disclosure.

11 9. With respect to depositions during which there has been a general  
12 designation of testimony as Confidential Material or Attorneys' Eyes Only Material,  
13 the party or third party designating the testimony as Confidential Material or  
14 Attorneys' Eyes Only Material shall have until thirty (30) days after receipt of the  
15 deposition transcript within which to inform all parties the specific portions of the  
16 transcript that are to be designated as Confidential Material or Attorneys' Eyes Only  
17 Material, which period may be extended by agreement of the parties. Failure to  
18 make a specific designation during this period will be construed as the withdrawing  
19 of the general confidentiality designation. During the 30-day period, the entire  
20 deposition will be treated pursuant to the general designation, unless otherwise  
21 agreed to by the party or third party making the general designation. This paragraph  
22 shall not apply if only specific portions of the deposition transcript were designated  
23 in the first instance.

24 10. Each person who signs the Agreement to be Bound by Protective Order  
25 attached hereto as Exhibit A shall be subject to the jurisdiction of this Court for  
26 purposes of any proceedings relating to compliance with or violation of this Order.  
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1           11.    The recipient of any Confidential Material or Attorneys' Eyes Only  
2 Material subject to this Order shall maintain that material in a secure location and  
3 exercise at all times due and proper care to ensure the continued confidentiality of  
4 the material.

5           12.    A party shall not be obligated to challenge the propriety of a  
6 Confidential Material or Attorneys' Eyes Only Material designation at the time  
7 made, and failure to do so shall not preclude a subsequent challenge thereto at any  
8 time during this litigation. If counsel for a party receiving documents or information  
9 in discovery in this case objects to the designation of any of them as Confidential  
10 Material or Attorneys' Eyes Only Material, the following procedures shall apply:

11               a.    Counsel for the objecting party shall serve on the  
12                   designating party or third party a written objection to such designation,  
13                   which shall describe with particularity the documents or information in  
14                   question and state the grounds for objection. Counsel for the  
15                   designating party or third party shall respond in writing to the objection  
16                   within ten (10) days (or such later date as may be agreed to by counsel),  
17                   and state with particularity the grounds for asserting that the document  
18                   or information is Confidential Material or Attorneys' Eyes Only  
19                   Material. If no timely written response is made to the objection, the  
20                   challenged designation will be deemed withdrawn. If the designating  
21                   party or third party makes a timely response to such objection asserting  
22                   the propriety of the designation, and the objecting party wishes to  
23                   maintain its objection, the parties shall then follow Local Rule 37-1, or  
24                   any alternate discovery resolution procedures put in place by the Court,  
25                   to resolve the dispute. Pending resolution of the dispute, the document  
26                   or information that is the subject of the filing shall be treated as  
27                   originally designated.  
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1           13. Documents containing Confidential Material or Attorneys' Eyes Only  
2 Material shall not be filed with the Court except as necessary. Any such filings will  
3 be made in good faith and not solely for an improper purpose such as harming,  
4 harassing or embarrassing another party. All requests to seal documents filed with  
5 the Court shall comply with Local Rule 79-5.1 and the Court's procedures.

6           14. If the need arises during a hearing to disclose publicly Confidential  
7 Material or Attorneys' Eyes Only Material, the party seeking to make such  
8 disclosure shall attempt to provide the other party prior notice, if feasible, to discuss  
9 how best to handle the disclosure.

10          15. This Order does not govern trial. Prior to the trial, the parties shall meet  
11 and confer to discuss how to handle Confidential Material and Attorneys' Eyes Only  
12 Material, and may seek additional relief from the Court.

13          16. The inadvertent disclosure of Confidential Material or Attorneys' Eyes  
14 Only Material, regardless of whether it was so designated at the time of disclosure,  
15 shall not be deemed a waiver of confidentiality, either as to the specific material  
16 disclosed or as to any other material or information concerning the same or related  
17 subject matter. The inadvertent disclosure may be rectified by written notification,  
18 to counsel for all parties to whom the material was disclosed and within a reasonable  
19 time after disclosure, that the material should have been designated as Confidential  
20 Material or Attorneys' Eyes Only Material. The written notification shall constitute  
21 a designation of the material as Confidential Material or Attorneys' Eyes Only  
22 Material under this Order.

23          17. When the inadvertent disclosure of any information, document or thing  
24 subject to attorney-client, another privilege, or work-product immunity, is discovered  
25 by the producing party and brought to the attention of the receiving party, the  
26 receiving party's treatment of such material shall be in accordance with Fed. R. Civ.  
27 P. 26(b)(5)(B). When the receiving party discovers what appears to be the  
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1 inadvertent disclosure by the producing party of any information, document or thing  
2 subject to attorney-client, another privilege, or work-product immunity, the receiving  
3 party shall bring such disclosure to the attention of the producing party. Any  
4 inadvertent disclosure of any information, document or thing subject to attorney-  
5 client, another privilege, or work-product immunity shall not by itself constitute a  
6 waiver by the producing party of any claims of privilege or work-product immunity.  
7 Nothing herein, however, herein restricts the right of the receiving party to challenge  
8 the producing party's claim of privilege with the Court.

9       18. In the event any receiving party having possession, custody or control of  
10 any Confidential Material or Attorneys' Eyes Only Material receives a subpoena,  
11 request for production of documents, or other process or order (the "Request") to  
12 produce such material in another, unrelated legal proceeding, the receiving party  
13 shall (1) give notice of the Request to counsel for the disclosing party or third party  
14 that designated the material as Confidential Material or Attorneys' Eyes Only  
15 Material, (2) provide a copy of the Request to counsel for the disclosing party or  
16 third party, and (3) cooperate in all reasonable efforts of the disclosing party or third  
17 party to oppose production of the material sought by the Request. The disclosing  
18 party or third party making the designation as Confidential Material or Attorneys'  
19 Eyes Only Material shall have the burden of defending against the Request. The  
20 party receiving the Request shall be entitled to comply with it except to the extent the  
21 disclosing party or third party making the Confidential Material or Attorneys' Eyes  
22 Only Material designation obtains an order modifying or quashing the Request.

23       19. The parties agree that they do not need to place on a privilege log any  
24 document covered by the attorney-client privilege, and/or the attorney work product  
25 doctrine, so long as the document (a) was prepared by outside counsel for a Party  
26 and was not disclosed to any third party, (b) constitutes a communication between a  
27 Party and its outside counsel or its in-house counsel and was not disclosed to any  
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1 third party, or (c) constitutes a communication between a Party's outside or in-house  
2 counsel and an expert or consultant retained for this litigation.

3 20. Nothing in this Order shall preclude any parties, third parties or their  
4 attorneys from disclosing or using any material or documents from the party's or  
5 third party's own files which the party or third party itself has designated as  
6 Confidential Material or Attorneys' Eyes Only Material. No information that is in  
7 the public domain, or which is already rightfully known by the receiving party, shall  
8 be subject to this Order.

9 21. This Order shall not deprive any party of its right to object to discovery  
10 by any other party or on any otherwise permissible ground. This Order is being  
11 entered without prejudice to the right of any party to move the Court for  
12 modification or for relief from any of its terms.

13 22. This Order shall survive the termination of this action and shall remain  
14 in full force and effect unless modified by Court Order or the written stipulation of  
15 the parties filed with the Court.

16 23. Within sixty (60) days of the termination of litigation between the  
17 parties, including conclusion of all appeals and the expiration of time to appeal or  
18 seek further review, each party or other person or entity subject to the terms hereof  
19 shall, if the producing party or third party so requests, (a) assemble and return to the  
20 producing party or third party or destroy all original and unmarked copies of  
21 documents and things containing Confidential Material and Attorneys' Eyes Only  
22 Material, and (b) destroy all copies of Confidential Material and Attorneys' Eyes  
23 Only Material that contain or constitute attorney work product as well as any noted,  
24 excerpts, summaries and digests revealing Confidential Material and Attorneys' Eyes  
25 Only Material; provided, however, that outside counsel may retain one copy of all  
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1 transcripts and pleadings, and any exhibits thereto, as well as electronic copies,  
2 subject to the provisions of this Order.

3 Good cause being found, IT IS SO ORDERED.

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5 Dated: 12/19/2018



Hon. Michael R. Wilner  
United States Magistrate Judge

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2 FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
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**AGREEMENT TO BE BOUND BY  
PROTECTIVE ORDER**

15 I, \_\_\_\_\_, declare that:

16 1. My address is \_\_\_\_\_.

17 2. My present employer is \_\_\_\_\_

18 and the address of my present employment is \_\_\_\_\_

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20 3. My present occupation or job description is \_\_\_\_\_

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22 4. I have carefully read and understood the provisions of the Protective  
23 Order the Court has entered in this case, and I will comply with all of its provisions.

24 5. I will hold in confidence and not disclose to anyone not authorized by  
25 the Protective Order any Confidential Material or Attorneys' Eyes Only Material  
26 disclosed to me, or any summaries, abstracts, indices, descriptions, discussions, or  
27 other documents or communications containing or describing Confidential Material  
28 or Attorneys' Eyes Only Material disclosed to me.

1           6.     I will limit use of Confidential Material and Attorneys' Eyes Only  
2 Material disclosed to me solely for purposes of this case.

3           7.     I agree to subject myself to the jurisdiction of this Court for the purpose  
4 of any proceedings relating to compliance with or violation of the Protective Order.

5           8.     Within sixty (60) days of the final conclusion of the case, I will return  
6 all Confidential Material and Attorneys' Eyes Only Material and summaries,  
7 abstracts, and indices thereof which come into my possession, and documents or  
8 things which I have prepared relating thereto, to outside counsel for the party who  
9 disclosed the Confidential Material or Attorneys' Eyes Only Material to me.

10           I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

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